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CHRISTMAS CARDS
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your mother, father,
wife or
DEAR FRIEND
our Special line of
Quality Cards.
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CRESCENT CITY, FLA.
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M. MILLER
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City Transfer Co
Boat and Boat Line
all trains at Crescent City
Right trains by appointment.
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and
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BUILDING
MATERIAL
Crescent City, Fla.
Crescent City Cafe
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East of the Postoffice
ROOMS AND MEALS AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
CONSTIPATION
Stomach Caused This
Much Suffering. Black-
Draught Relieved.
ville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Pat-
this place, writes: "I was
constipated. I had sour stomach
so uncomfortable. I went to
doctor. He gave me some pills.
Weakened me and seemed to
my digestion. They would
and afterwards it seemed
more constipated than before.
of Black-Draught and de-
try it. I found it just what I
It was an easy laxative, and
to swallow. My digestion soon
I got well of the sour stom-
bowels soon seemed normal,
griping, and I would take a
and then, and was in good

CRESCENT CITY NEWS

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wiley of Lan-
sing, Mich., were recent guests at the
Coutant.
The Methodist Sunday School is to
have a Christmas tree and a good time
for the little people.
Rev. Alfred Taylor will hold special
Christmas day services at the Episco-
pal church at 10 a. m.
Mrs. Audley Eaton has been elected
worthy matron of the Crescent City
lodge, Order of the Eastern Star.
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Springer left
on Tuesday for Orlando, where they
will spend the winter with their son.
Mr. H. P. Leavett of Boston, ar-
rived last Sunday to spend some time
with Mrs. Leavett who has rooms
at the Darby residence.
Mr. and Mrs. K. Borson with Mr.
and Mrs. Geo. H. Herrick as guests,
motored to Palatka on Monday for a
day's outing and shopping.
Sergeant Thos. B. Russell, machine
gun company, 324th U. S. Infantry,
writes that he will be home on a short
furlough the latter part of next week.
The Baptist Sunday school will
hold its Christmas tree festivities on
Wednesday night. It was the only
night they could secure Saint Nicho-
las.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Smith will
spend Christmas with their daughter
and grand children at Archer. And
they are a takin' something to the
kiddies.
F. W. Furrington and family of
Colrain, Massachusetts are expected
here this week to occupy their home
on North Summit street for the win-
ter season.
Don't call him "Santa Claus," not
this of all years; 'tisn't his name any-
way; his name is Saint Nicholas.
"Santa Claus" is the sourkraut Ger-
man for it.
S. N. Wessberg, Miss Dorothy Kil-
len and Miss Hilda Wessberg of East
Palatka, were motor visitors in the
city last week, coming over in the
Wessberg car.
Capt. and Mrs. E. C. Anthony
write that they expect to be in Cres-
cent City the first week in January to
remain some four months. They will
stop at the Hotel Coutant.
It was reported that Corporal Phil-
lips Cash had "gone across." This is
a mistake; our little corporal is at
Augusta, Ga. Too bad he cannot
come home for Christmas.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E.
D. Lounds. The stork stopped long
enough at their home on Sunday
morning to leave a little daughter,
whose name is to be called Elizabeth.
If you haven't lined up with the
Red Cross by this time, why—then
you are bomb-proof, frost-proof, lady-
proof, mosquito-proof and something
other than gentle means must be ap-
plied.
Local Masons will attend the Episco-
pal church in a body on Sunday
morning, the 30th inst., when Rev. Al-
fred Taylor, who is one of them, will
preach a special sermon. The service
is to be at 10:45.
George H. Hafner of Currie, Min-
nesota, has purchased through Mr.
Durling, the old Hogarth place of 10
acres near Fruitland. Mr. Hafner is
going to remodel the house and im-
prove the place for a home.
Elbert Braddock has tried to enlist
three times—twice in the army and
once in the naval reserves—and has
been rejected because of defective vi-
sion. But all the same he is entitled
to a place among the best patriots.
Col. G. T. Graham has purchased
the Bratt place near Lake Margaret
and which adjoins his own farm. The
newly acquired piece adds to his farm
160 acres. Col. Graham arrived home
latter part of last week for a short
stay.
Waterman Jurnigan came up from
Kissimmee last Sunday to spend the
day and attend to some business. He
says they are busy shipping fruit
from the flatwoods city and he
brought along some samples that are
hard to beat in looks even in the best
years.
Mr. H. E. Gates of Lake Como, who
takes a special interest in Red Cross
work as well as in all work for the
welfare of the nation in this war,
gave the local branch \$50 last week.
Mrs. Gates comes over and assists the
ladies in their regular Tuesday sew-
ing work.
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brown, who have
spent several winters in Crescent City,
are now at Phoenix, Arizona. They
probably wanted to try a dryer cli-
mate, where there was more alkali.
We shall miss them and hope they will
enjoy their stay in Arizona just
enough to make them want to come
back to Crescent City.
Here's an exemplification of the
TRUE Christmas spirit. The Phil-
anthropic Department of the V. I. A.,
assisted by the Camp Fire Girls, the
Bluebirds and the boys, are sending
filled candy bags to all the boys, in-
mates of the Industrial School at Ma-
rianna, and to all the girls, inmates
of the Girls Industrial School at Oca-
la.
Mrs. Pearson of Louisville, Ky. a
sister of Mr. Paul C. Smith, is ex-
pected to arrive today. Mr. Smith is
to meet her in Jacksonville. During
her stay in Crescent City Mrs. Pear-
son will make her home with Mrs.
C. L. Chamberlin. Mrs. Pearson
spent several weeks here some years
ago and is pleasantly remembered by
a number of friends made on that oc-
casion, all of whom will unite in wel-
coming her return.

RED CROSS RALLY
A SPLENDID AFFAIR

Addresses by Miss Ruth
Rich, and Mayor Merriam
—Splendid Program of
Music.
Crescent City did her "bit" on Tues-
day when she turned out en masse for
the Red Cross rally at the school au-
ditorium. Between three and four
hundred men, women and children de-
fied the cold winds and rain and were
there to show their patriotism, to
boost the Xmas Membership Drive
and to learn more about the Ameri-
can Red Cross and its work from one
who has been called "a liberty en-
gine," Miss Ruth Rich, Ass't. Direc-
tor American Red Cross in Florida.
Miss Rich made a special trip to
Crescent City from Jacksonville in or-
der to be present at this rally and
Chairman Merriam of the Putnam
County Chapter, accompanied by Mr.
Merriam Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Mrs.
Crook and the Misses Lucas, Moragne
and Sharpe, all of Palatka, also hon-
ored the Branch by their presence.
The visiting ladies were entertain-
ed at luncheon at the Club House, the
gentlemen at the Coutant.
The program opened with a beau-
tiful drill by the school girls and boys,
led by Miss Columbia (Miss Neely
Mathis), each carrying a Red Cross
shield, or stars and stripes shield, the
shield bearers finally massing on the
stage singing "The Star Spangled
Banner," and "The Marseillaise."
Following this a chorus of about fifty
men, women and high school boys
and girls assembled on the stage and
sang "Soldiers' Chorus" and "To Thee,
O Country."
Chairman Tillinghast of the Cres-
cent City Branch gave a brief but
stirring address, introducing the
sneaker of the day, Miss Ruth Rich.
Miss Rich is a delightful speaker, full
of enthusiasm for her work and her
country and every word uttered was
listened to with breathless interest.
After her address, Miss Rich called
for questions. Many were asked and
fully answered. Space forbids a
complete report of the address, but
amongst many other things an em-
phatic denial was made to the report
that Red Cross articles are sold to
soldiers. Rumors of this sort have
been traced from one person to an-
other and not once has proof been
found of such an act. Soldiers often
have private gifts of knitted garments
and some of these may have been sold
by individual soldiers fortunate
enough to have more than they need-
ed. That is the only shadow of founda-
tion for the rumors that Red Cross
garments have been sold. Miss Rich
called attention to the fact that the
source of reports derogatory to the
work of the Red Cross can always
be traced to German propaganda, and
that a high official has stated that the
careless repeating of these rumors is a
distinctly treasonable act; that in
any way weaken the efforts of the
Red Cross is a decided help to the
Hun.
Following Miss Rich, Chairman
Merriam of the Putnam Co. Chapter
spoke briefly, generously compliment-
ing the Crescent City Branch for its
work and stating that so far Crescent
City has outstripped Palatka in the
Xmas Membership Drive. C. C.
Branch was also commended by Miss
Rich for its prompt organization, re-
ports and shipping of first-class fin-
ished work.
After the addresses a tiny maid
came upon the stage carrying a tin
can in which a fine lettuce plant was
growing and stood beneath a big sign
bearing the legend: "Do Your
Share." This tableau was received with
big applause and was followed by two
big tableaux rendered by the
satisfactory members by the
Chorus—"Chorus of The Pilgrims,"
and "Swanna River," which closed
the afternoon's program.
Mrs. Wheeler at the piano and Mr.
Collette on the cornet were brilliant
accompanists, and great credit is due
them as well as to the principal and
teachers of the school for the fine
drills and chorus of school children.
Following the program and after
an out-of-town visitors had left a
business meeting of the Branch was
held when a Constitution and By-
laws were adopted, and reports by
the treasurer and the chairman of the
shipping committee were read. Don-
ations to the Branch recently received
were:
Mr. H. C. Gates, Lake Como. \$25
Mrs. H. C. Gates, Lake Como. \$25
Mr. Davidson. \$15
Mr. Alfred Clay, Crescent City. \$25
Each day during the Xmas Drive
for Membership a special committee
will be on duty, with headquarters at
the drive store.
Monday 55 members were enrolled;
Tuesday 55.
Boys and children as well as
adults are welcomed as members, and
no person is obliged to work if he or
she has not the time or strength for
work. Just come right along with
your dollar and coin, and join over
again, and show that you are really a
true patriot.
A good line of Christmas goods,
Christmas cards, also Red Cross
Stamps at The Little Gift Shop.
Dunn's Creek, and a high, sandy road
south of our county line. It looks un-
patriotic to me to ask that our taxes
be increased to such an extent. With
2 or 3 degrees colder weather than
we have already had this season, we
won't be able to pay the tax. If the
bonds carry many homes will be sold
for taxes. Let's give all our ener-
gy and means to the support of the
war; after that build roads and air-
castles. Down with the Germans and
bonds.
Yours truly, J. H. HARP.
Crescent City, Dec. 18, 1917.

Special Layout
for Christmas

Western Veal, Pork, Beef and Lamb.
Florida Beef, Pork and Chickens.
Everything in Salt Fish, Plain and Fancy Sausage
FRESH OYSTERS and SHAD
Tomatoes, Lettuce, Celery, Green Peppers,
String Beans, Florida Cabbage, Cauliflower,
New Beets.
Apples, Bananas, Malaga Grapes,
Pears, Cranberries.
In fact no one roof will show you as many good
things to eat as we have
This Week---Saturday
Butter at 50c, 55c and \$.58
Best N. Y. Cream Cheese35
Bacon, Plates, fine stock30
Link Sausage, ALL Meat25
Fresh Florida Fed Pork25
White Meal per pound05
12 pounds any kind of Flour25
Octagon Soap, per bar05
1 pound best Coffee in Florida for20
(Compare it with any 30c goods)
Fine Onions, per pound06
Strangers will do well to come in and look
us over. We carry a varied stock embracing
Hardware, Paints, Alabastine, Crockery,
Pipe and Fittings, Heaters and Cook Stoves—
both oil and wood, Farm Fencing, all Bathroom
requirements.
A common expression in Crescent City:
When anyone says, "It can't be had in Crescent
City," "Have you been to Preston's?"
We are showing a nice line of Pyrex Ware.
Every housekeeper wants it.
A good line of Crax and Congoleum Rugs.
Lineoleum by the yard, Matting and Window
Shades.
Just Go Over
Our 5, 10, 15 and 25c Counters. Everything on
them at a low price.
The C. H. Preston Co.

Mr. Harp's Road Attitude.
On this page will be found a letter
from Hon. J. H. Harp in opposition
to the proposed hard surfaced road
which is to run through the Fruitland
penninsula from Dunn's Creek to the
Volusia county line, and which is to
be a link in the great State highway
leading from Jacksonville to Tampa.
Mr. Harp pleads as justification of
his opposition the fact that the coun-
try is engaged in a terrible war which
will tax the resources of the people.
He raises this objection despite the
fact that the government at Washing-
ton has urged the people of the coun-
try to go ahead with public improve-
ments, especially road building, and
has placed the latter to the forefront
as genuinely patriotic work.
Another of Mr. Harp's objections
is that the proposed road is to be but
nine feet wide, and therefore a men-
ace to humanity. Mr. Harp cites an
incident published in this paper of
last week where traveling men were
run into by a motor truck. He for-
got to state however that the motor
truck was driven by a negro who had
lost all the head he ever had, and run
into the auto even when he was given
ample road to pass. Yes accidents
will happen on 9-foot roads, and this
class of accidents occur on 40-foot
roads. Mr. Harp's plea for the sol-
diers is all right, but The News fails
to see anything inconsistent between
road building and contributions to the
soldiers. In fact some of our most
liberal gifts to the soldiers have come
from the heartiest advocates of this
road. Some of them have even given
their sons.
Another mistake of Mr. Harp is the
matter of connections. That piece of
flat woods road east of Dunn's Creek
is in another district and WILL BE
MADE GOOD by the people of that
district.
And as for the "high, sandy road
south of our county line," Mr. Harp
is hereby informed that the Volusia
county people living in that district
have UNANIMOUSLY PETITIONED
FOR AN ELECTION to define and
bond a road district, and that such
election has already been called for
next February. Volusia will build its
piece of road with State aid, just as
the people of this district will build
theirs. Get in line Mr. Harp. You
were never a slacker, and you won't
be here, when you understand the sit-
uation. Don't borrow trouble from
the future; don't GUESS at the ex-
tra tax rate; don't invite disaster; in
other words, don't trouble trouble till
trouble troubles you. In the lan-
guage of Bob Davis—never mind what
burdens you lay on posterity; "what's
posterity ever done for you?"
The Little Gift Shop has moved to
the Springer cottage, opposite Mrs.
Rhodes, one block nearer town.
United States pays \$800,000 daily
for food for soldiers.
Uruguay's 1917 wood clip is 90,000
boles of 71,000 pounds each.

Lake Boy Wins Corn Prize.
The \$50 prize offered by the State
Federation of Women's Clubs to the
corn-club boy making the best record
in the State contest was awarded to
Leroy Alderman of Lake County at
the close of the boy's short course at
the University of Florida, December
7. Lawton Martin of Marion County
won the second prize, a pair of pure-
bred Duroc-Jersey pigs offered by L.
W. Underwood, Monticello.
The prize-winning acre produced
106.5 bushels of corn at a profit of
\$171.65. Martin's acre produced 100.1
bushels at a profit of \$187.45. Two
other boys reported yields of more
than one hundred bushels; Edgar
Locke of Lake County with 100.5 bush-
els, and Paul Parrish of Polk County
with 102.12 bushels. The boys rank-
ed in final standing in the order nam-
ed.
Yield alone does not count in deter-
mining the prize winner. The year's
effort is graded on this basis: Yield,
30 per cent; profit, 30 per cent; ex-
hibit, 20 per cent; and essay, 20 per
cent. Alderman did not gain the
highest standing on all these points,
but his average was the best.
The prizes were awarded at a sup-
per given by the bankers of Gaines-
ville, to which all the 112 club boys,
representing thirty-four Florida coun-
ties, were invited.
Nation Needs More Hogs.
A nation-wide campaign for a fif-
teen per cent increase in hog produc-
tion next year is being made by the U.
S. Department of Agriculture. No
definite part in this campaign has
been assigned to Florida, but the Uni-
versity of Florida extension division
believes the production in the State
can be increased materially.
With a shortage of brood sows
throughout the country, it may be nec-
essary to use gilts from the feed lots
to obtain the desired increase. Gilts
will not produce as large litters as
may be expected from mature sows,
but their use in the emergency is ad-
visable.
If the hog population of the Na-
tion's farms is not increased next year
a more acute shortage of pork prod-
ucts than now prevails will result, ex-
tremely high prices for hams, bacon
and lard will prevail, consumers will
suffer from the high prices and the
shortage of necessary animal fats, and
only a few will benefit.
On the other hand, if the number of
hogs is increased, a market will have
been provided for the remainder of
this year's corn crop, the demands on
the country for pork products can be
met without strain, prices to the pro-
ducer should be remunerative under
the assistance pledged by the Nation-
al Food Administration, and prices
paid by consumers should be reason-
able.
In carrying out its plans to make
the canal zone self-supporting as far
as possible, the commissary division
of the Panama canal finds it neces-
sary to have some larger buildings.